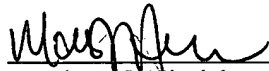




IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

CERTIFICATE OF FIRST CLASS MAILING

I certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited on NOVEMBER 21, 2005, with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and are addressed to Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

  
Matthew J. Himich  
Reg. No. 47,650

In re application of:	:	
Richard W. Neu	:	
	:	
Serial No.: 10/803,816	:	Examiner: Basinger, Sherman D.
	:	
Filed: March 18, 2004	:	Group Art Unit: 3617
	:	
For: Double-Hull Ore Carrying Vessel Conversion :	:	
From Single-Hull Oil Tanker and Method of :	:	
Performing the Same :	:	

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE C

In response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2005, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.